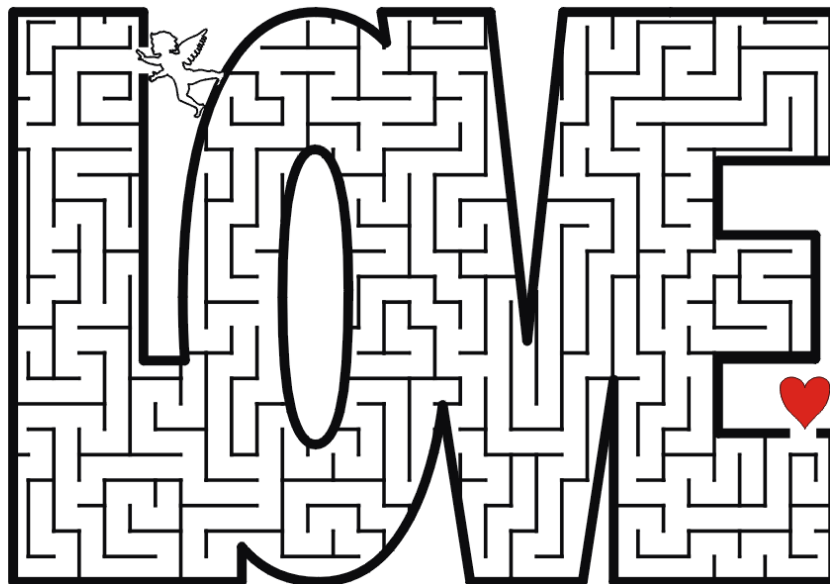




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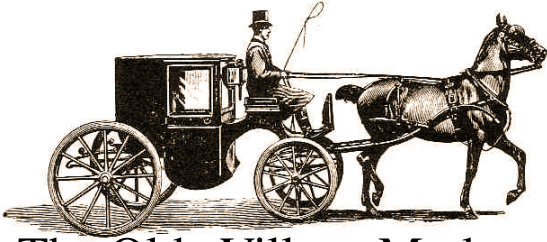
TOWN of WASHINGTON  
SENIORS POT LUCK DINNER  
At the Town Hall  
8 Summit Hill Road  
February 17, 2017  
Time 5:30PM

Please come and enjoy a relaxing evening in the company of your fellow Senior Town residents.



Guide Cupid through the LOVE shaped maze to find the heart.

# 2 New Stores in Becket



## The Olde Village Market

Monday-Friday: 6am-8pm

Saturday: 7am-8pm

Sunday: 8am-5pm

Serving Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

New to the town of Becket is the Olde Village Market!

Providing food, service, and grocery items for your convenience! If you need it, we'll stock it!

Come in and enjoy our daily specials or just a warm cup of coffee & conversation!

We look forward to serving you for years to come!

Happy Feasting from our family to yours

Coming Soon- Beer, Wine, & Lottery!

Keep up with us on Facebook @theoldevillagemarket

I would love to inform you that within the month the NEW Becket General store is back!!!!

I just wanted to touch base, to let you know we are 80% finished with this project and expect to be open soon.

Our new address is as follows

Becket General Store

3235 Main Street

Becket Ma 01233

413-623-6026

[becketgeneralstore.com](http://becketgeneralstore.com)

or find us on facebook 3235 main street Lotto, Pizza, Restaurant, Grocery, Bakery and so much more...

- Heather

FREE coffee & donut at the  
Becket General Store  
no exp. date

## The Becket Athenaeum and Becket Arts Center Announce Winter Evening Workshops

**February 9**, from 6:30 - 8. Becket resident Delsie Dunn will present -Zentangle Evening of Relaxation Zentangle® drawing - Create beautiful pen-and-ink drawings entirely with structured patterns. It's easy to learn, easy to do, and enjoyed by both artists and non-artists. For some it's art, for others meditation, for others something else. Time will fly! Class testimonial from Purr McEwen: "My daughter, granddaughter, and I took a class from Delsie. We had a great time and loved learning the creative technique." \$5/ participant fee payable to Delsie on class night. Preregistration is required by calling 623-5483 by noon, 2/8. We will serve wine, and other hot or cold beverages.

**February 23** from 6:30 -8. Jennifer Michaels, MD, FASAM Medical Director, Brien Center will lead a discussion on marihuana, opioids and alcohol - How to talk to your children and the effects on the body and brain. We also plan to discuss medical marihuana with Dr. Michaels.

Preregistration is not necessary for this workshop. Hot or cold beverages will be available.

**March 9** from 6-8. The Athenaeum will show the documentary "Where to Invade Next" by Michael Moore. Here is Roger Ebert's review of this documentary - "Michael Moore's surprising and extraordinarily winning "Where to Invade Next" will almost surely cast his detractors at Fox News and similar sinkholes into consternation. They get lots of mileage out of painting Moore as a far-left provocateur who's all about "running America down." But his new film is all about building America up, in some amazingly novel and thought-provoking ways. In my view, it's one of the most genuinely, and valuably, patriotic films any American has ever made."

Preregistration is not necessary for this workshop. Popcorn and hot or cold beverages will be available.

**March 23** from 6-7:30. Pat Parkins, Becket resident and owner of Gardens of the Goddess, will lead a discussion on feeding yourself from your organic garden. Gardens of the Goddess specializes in growing organic small fruit and vegetable gardens. Cynthia Grippaldi, former Washington resident, will provide an introduction and share Berkshire Botanical Garden information. Preregistration is not necessary for this workshop. Hot or cold beverages will be available.

Workshop sessions for April and May will be announced as soon as remaining details are finalized.

All Workshops will be held at the Athenaeum

These workshops were funded by the Central Berkshire Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Foundation

The Board of Trustees and Staff of the Becket Athenaeum and Becket Arts Center

To our Washington neighbors:

February 2017

Four candidates have applied for our open Tax Collector position and have been interviewed. We expect to be able to make an interim appointment within a few weeks.

- We are still considering whether to refill the position to assist the Tax Collector and the Treasurer. The position was held by Sue McGrath before her departure a few months ago and is funded through June 2017.
- We are hopeful that a qualified Washington resident will run for Tax Collector next spring.

Road & Bridge:

- A pre-construction meeting for the Summit Hill Road bridge over the CSX tracks was held at DOT District One in Lenox on January 17. The plan calls for the bridge to be closed from April 29 to August 29. Traffic will be detoured through Hinsdale along Middlefield Road, Fassel Road and East Washington Road. DOT once again assured us that the detour route road surface will be improved. There will be signs posted all along the route and a map of the detour will be posted next month in TRACKS. Tully Construction has been awarded the contract.
- We are pursuing a number of potential funding sources for bridge and culvert replacements on Middlefield Road, Lower Valley Road and Frost Road. These sources include a new DEP grant program, MassWorks, the Small Bridge program and inclusion on the Transportation Improvement Plan
- The schedule for the new culvert at Eden Glen still has not been determined but work should be completed early in the year.
- The Select Board has received a number of comments about the condition of our roads this winter and it adds up to our road crew doing a better job than our neighbor communities! Thanks to Tom, Dave and Adam for their continued good work.

After the survey to determine if any work needs to be done to the Town's utility poles to adapt them for fiber optic cables we are still waiting for MBI to provide support for bringing high speed internet to every address in Town. MBI appears to be biased against the WiredWest model in favor of privatization. The Select Board finds it hard to understand how imposing a profit-driven enterprise on us will lower costs or hasten construction. We continue to push for immediate action.

We urge anyone considering signing up with Syncarpha Solar for solar-generated power at a 10% discount from Eversource rates to make sure that they understand all aspects of their contract.

The Town Hall roof has frequently leaked over past winters and this year is no exception. The Board is considering replacing the membrane roof with a peaked structure more suitable to Berkshire weather. The roof could be fitted with solar panels to generate all of the power used at the Town's buildings at a lower cost than a separate installation.

Anyone interested in the surplus cabinets, etc. at the Town Hall, please let Jodi know.

Winter will keep us in its grip for another few months yet, so keep an eye out for your neighbors and remember that at least some of what the weatherman says is true.

Jim Huebner  
Select Board Chair

Tricia Drugmand  
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case  
Select Board

Email your TRACKS info by the 25th of the month to:  
mrsabeski@mac.com  
Please put TRACKS in the subject line.



Washington Tracks  
Town Hall  
8 Summit Hill Rd.  
Washington, MA 01223

[www.washington-ma.com](http://www.washington-ma.com)



## Support Our Local Businesses

**Hilltowns Veterinary Clinic**  
Dr. Sharon Lynch, MVB  
133 South Washington State Rd  
Washington, MA 01223  
Phone: (413)623-5329  
[www.hilltownsvetclinic.com](http://www.hilltownsvetclinic.com)

**Mark Newton's**  
**Full Service Pet and Home**  
**Care, also light ground**  
**maintenance, minor home**  
**repair & snow plowing**  
Pet sitting in your home: Dogs,  
Cats, Horses, and so much  
more Passionate, Reliable, and  
Caring.  
413 623-2254 or email:  
[markspetcare@gmail.com](mailto:markspetcare@gmail.com)

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Heather Anello  
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Becket, MA 01223  
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[becketgeneralstore.com](http://becketgeneralstore.com)  
fb 3235 main street

**Independent Stampin' Up! Demonstrator**  
Sue Paquette  
623.5918  
"quality stamp sets, card stock, ink pads, etc -  
I offer creative & fun parties for you and your  
friends in your home or mine.

**Justice of the Peace**  
Dorothy Filanowska  
(413) 446-6921 /  
[justicedora@gmail.com](mailto:justicedora@gmail.com)  
<http://www.justicedora.com>

**Horace Mann Insurance Agency**  
Po Box 772 Becket Ma. 01223. Phone  
413)623-2112.  
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Provide all Personal Lines of Insurance. Provide  
Financial and retirement products too.

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Melissa Spagnuolo-Avalle  
30 Washington Rd  
Becket, MA  
(413) 623.6003  
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**Summit Hill Campground**  
34 Old Middlefield Rd.  
Washington, Ma. 01223  
413-623-5761  
Great Family Camping  
Tents, R.V.s Motor Homes  
Full Hook Ups  
Pet Friendly  
Seasonals Welcomed  
Events scheduled May through sept

**Your Way Computer**  
Frank Kennedy  
1153 Washington Mt. Road  
Washington, MA 01223  
Call: 623.5180 / Fax: 623.2018  
E-Mail:  
[carolandfranksr@carolandfrank.com](mailto:carolandfranksr@carolandfrank.com)  
By appointment only